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1. Kathmandu Communists openly acknowledge that within the Nepal Communist Party (NCP) a power struggle is now taking place between General Secretary Manmohan Adhikari and former General Secretary Puspala Shrestha.¹ Shrestha desires to regain the post of General Secretary and also disagrees with Adhikari on the tactics of the NCP.
2. Shrestha advocates continuing subordination of Party policy to the Indian Communist Party. Adhikari, on the other hand, believes that the Nepalese Communists should obtain coordinated direction and support from both the Indian and Chinese Communists.

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1. Comment. It was reported in that the CPN decided to replace Shrestha with Adhikari on the recommendation of the CPI at a meeting on 30 September 1953. Also see this report for background information on these two men.

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